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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Support, EE Division

SUBJECT: Authorization for Use of Jet Deluxe Air Transportation.

REFERENCES: a. Dispatch [] dated 4 September 1959.
b. Memo. dtd. 15 September 1959, fr []

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1. As pointed out in Reference a., the switch from piston-engine to jet-engine aircraft by the various airlines will undoubtedly necessitate an increased use of jet aircraft by Agency employees. We see no impediment to an authorizing official authorizing jet travel in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7.d. of [] in any individual case where he deems it to be more advantageous to the Government. Comparative cost is one, but only one, of the considerations involved in determining advantage to the Government.

2. We do not feel that there is a basis at this time for allowing the authorization of jet deluxe travel for all employees on any blanket basis because:

a. The variations in travel, including indirect travel and stopovers of more than six hours, as well as the variations in the availability of piston-engine and jet-engine flights, would make it disadvantageous to the Government, in some cases, to authorize deluxe jet flights.

b. It would be impolitic for the Agency to give blanket approval for all of its employees to utilize "deluxe" travel accommodations under any and all circumstances, contrary to the general Government policy which requires a determination of advantage to the Government in each individual case.

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